

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants have provided replacement drawing sheets including Figs. 11 and 12 for the corresponding previously filed drawing sheets. The replacement sheets amend Figs. 11 and 12 by inserting the label "Prior Art."

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action dated May 21, 2008. Claims 1-10 and 13-38 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-10 and 13-38 were rejected, and claims 2-7, 16-30, and 32-38 were objected to. In this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 have been amended, and claims 5, 19, 27, and 35 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Priority

The Examiner asserts that Applicants have not filed a certified copy of Japanese priority application JP 2003-125771.

In reply, Applicants note that the present U.S. application is a national phase filing of international application PCT/JP04/05256, and that a certified copy of JP 2003-125771 was filed in the international application. A search of the PCT records for the international application, as available through the WIPO web site, indicates that a certified copy of JP 2003-125771 is on file at the International Bureau. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the requirement for providing a certified copy of JP 2003-125771 has been fulfilled. (See MPEP 1893.03(c)(II).)

Claim Objections

Claims 2-7, 16-30, and 32-38 were objected to as including informalities.

Claims 5, 19, 27, and 35 have been canceled, thereby rendering the objections to those claims moot.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20-26, 28-30, 32-34, and 36-38 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments

claims to claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20-26, 28-30, 32-34, and 36-38 render those claims compliant with all formality requirements. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 184(p)(4) and 37 C.F.R. § 184(p)(5). Further, the Examiner asserted that Figs. 11 and 12 should be designated by a legend such as "--Prior Art--".

Applicants have amended the specification, and submit that the amendments to the specification render the drawings compliant with § 184(p)(4) and § 184(p)(5).

Regarding Figs. 11 and 12, Applicant has provided replacement drawing sheets. The replacement sheets are provided to replace the corresponding previously filed drawing sheets. The replacement sheets amend Figs. 11 and 12 by inserting the label "Prior Art."

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the drawings are now in compliance with all formality requirements, and request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-10 and 13-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Win et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,182,142).

Claims 5, 19, 27, and 35 have been canceled, thereby rendering the objections to those claims moot.

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38) are patentable over Win.

Applicants' invention as recited in independent claim 1 is directed toward a terminal device including a display means, a mediating means, and an authentication-information transmitting means. The claim recites that "the authentication-

information transmitting means [is] operable to transmit device-authentication information to an authentication server, a network location of the authentication server being received by the display means." (Emphasis supplied.) Independent claims 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38 include similar recitations. Supporting disclosure for the emphasized recitation can be found in the substitute specification at, for example, paragraph [0143].

Win does not teach or suggest the quoted recitation. In particular, Applicants note that Win's column 9, lines 63-67 discloses that a user may enter a name and password using a browser, that the browser provides the name and password to an Access Server, and that the user is considered authenticated if the name and password matches information stored in a Registry Server. However, nowhere does the referenced section of Win disclose that the browser receives a network location of the Access Server or Registry Server. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the independent claims are patentable over Win on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20, 21, 24-26, 28, 29, 32-34, 36, and 37 are patentable over Win at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.


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The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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